



Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa

January 26, 2026

Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa Monthly Meeting

Agenda

- ▶ AGM
 - ▶ Financials
 - ▶ Motion on audit
 - ▶ Elections for Board
 - ▶ Survey
- ▶ EV Ready in Ottawa - Call to Action
- ▶ News
- ▶ Past and Future Events
- ▶ Roundtable

Financials!

Motion on Audit

- ▶ Audits are expensive
- ▶ Books are open to anyone who would like to have a look
- ▶ Proposed:
 - EVCO shall not do a formal audit
 - Requires unanimous approval from members

Vote for Directors - Board Status

Director Persons NOT seeking re-election so there will be two vacant board positions.

Cristen Fidler - Director

Lawrence Maroun - Director

Big thank you to Cristen and Lawrence for their contributions!

Persons previously elected in 2025 for two-year terms :

Raymond Leury - President

Adam Manzer - Secretary

Henry Loughlin - Treasurer

Ryan Knuth - Director

Karl Joseph - Director

We need to elect 3 directors

Vote for Directors - Recommended

Proposed candidates for positions on the Board of Directors:

Persons previously elected in 2023 for a two-year term who agree to seek re-election:

Mike Banks

New board members seeking election:

James Roffey

Lynn Lefevre

Member Survey

- ▶ We want to know what you think
- ▶ 12 questions, a few minutes
- ▶ Survey will be open for 2 weeks
 - We'll close it February 9
- ▶ <https://evco.ca/survey>



EV Ready in Ottawa

Call to Action

EV Ready on Ottawa - Call to Action

- ▶ Zoning by-law - amended to bring up to date
 - ▶ Many changes of all sorts
 - ▶ Introduction of EV Ready requirement
 - ▶ EV Ready Parking Space = energized outlet
- ▶ Section 611 2 a) latest draft

“where parking spaces are provided accessory to a mid-rise or high-rise residential or mixed-use building, **25 per cent of the spaces** provided or an equivalent, must be designed as electric vehicle parking spaces capable of supporting **level 2 charging**;”

Only energized plugs - no charging stations - future proof

Original draft had 100%

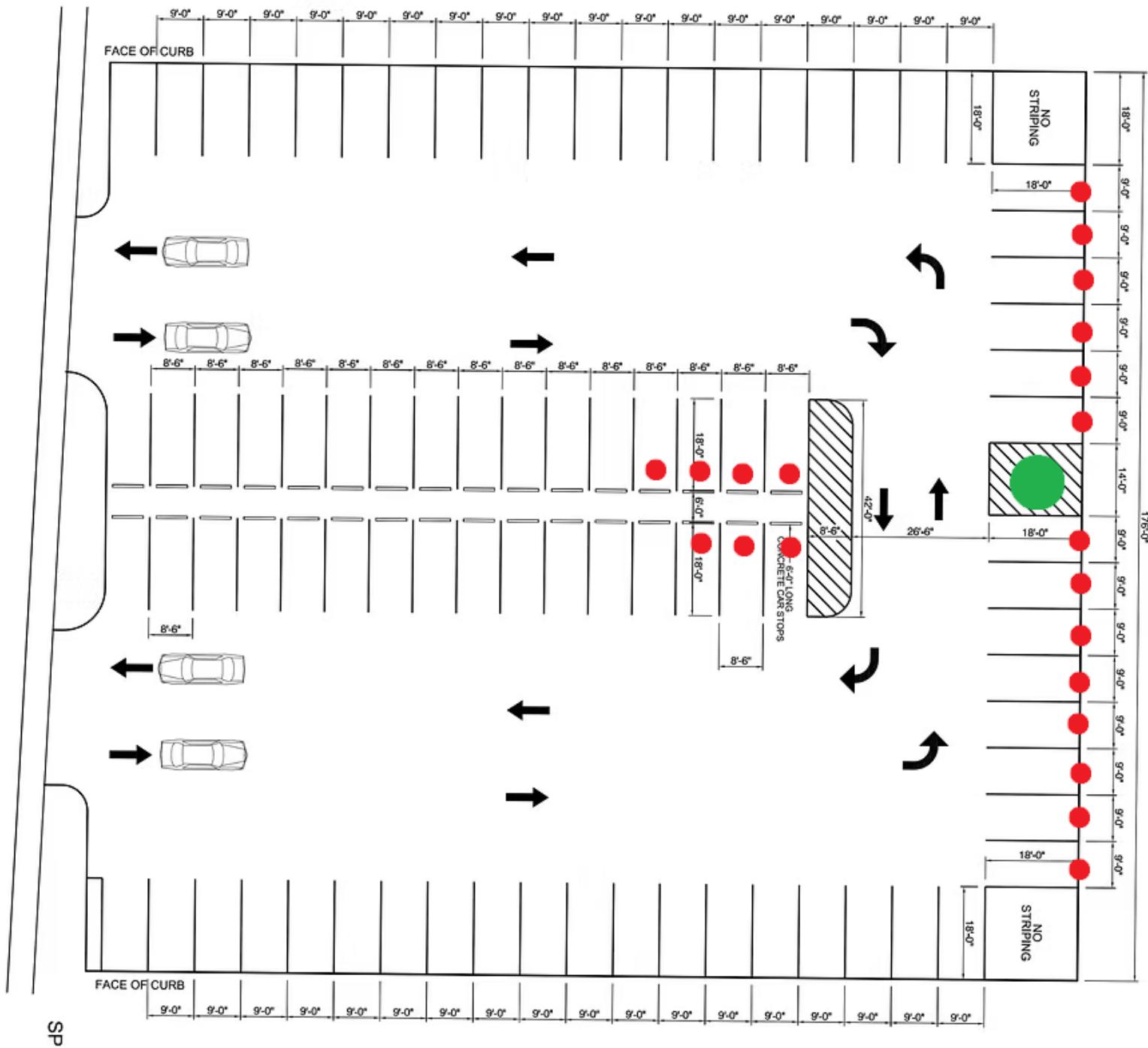
Feedback from developers: too costly

No support to specify 100% at council - What else can we do?

Dudas - shorten review from 5 to 3 years

Impact of Bylaw

- ▶ Sample parking
 - ▶ Green dot is electrical room
 - ▶ Red dots are outlets
 - ▶ Blue wire and yellow dots
 - ▶ Future only
- ▶ 84 spaces
 - ▶ 21 outlets (25%)
 - ▶ Close to electrical room

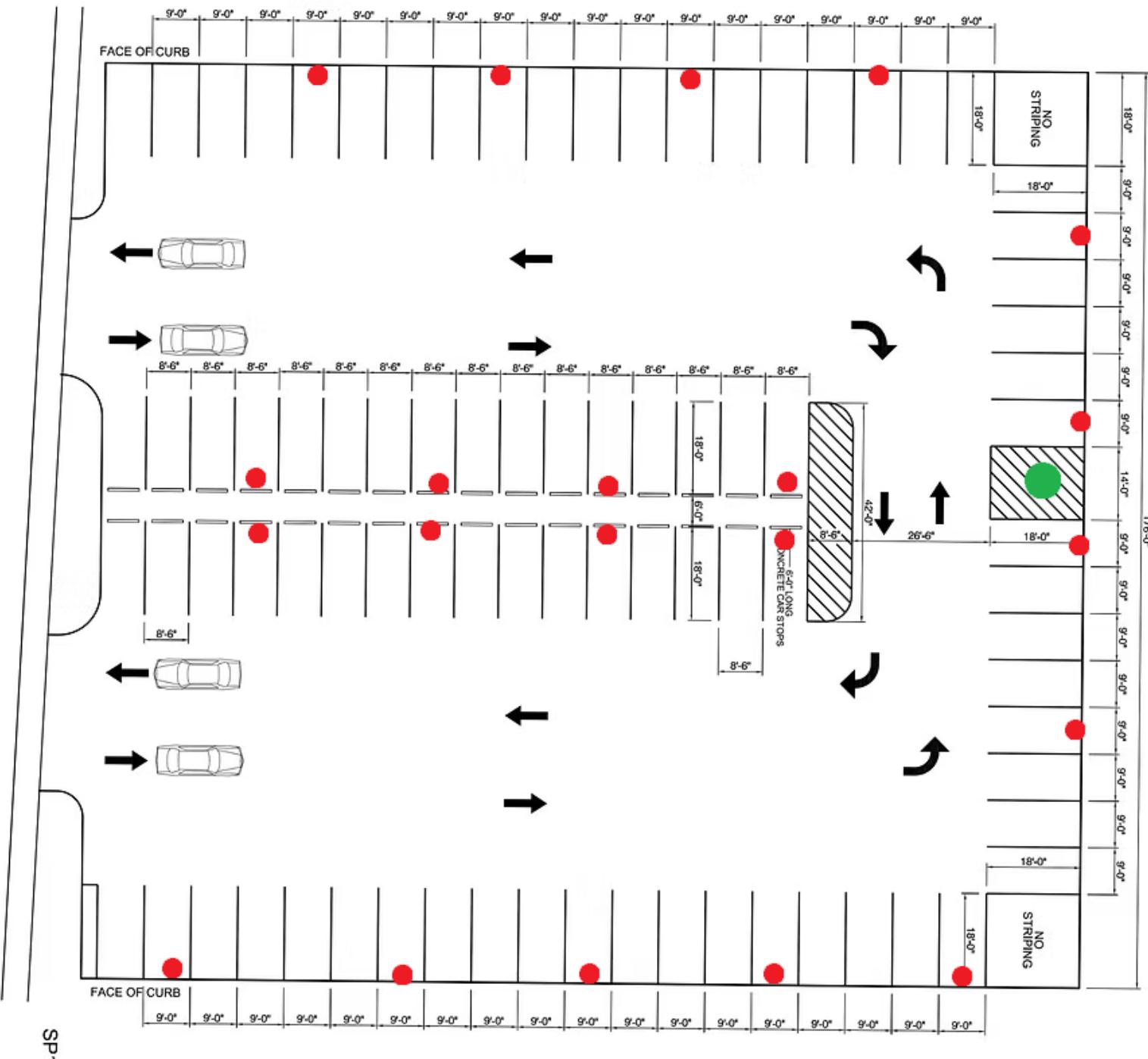


Background

- ▶ Retrofits are difficult
 - ▶ Need space for panels, transformers, switches
 - ▶ Expensive - 4x more
 - ▶ High initial investment for first EV
 - ▶ Common element costs are the problem
 - ▶ Condo board typically thrifty
- ▶ Costs
 - ▶ “Last mile” ~30-50% - part that is not shared
 - ▶ Junction box to outlet and charging station
 - ▶ Common elements ~50-70%
 - ▶ This is what's expensive to retrofit

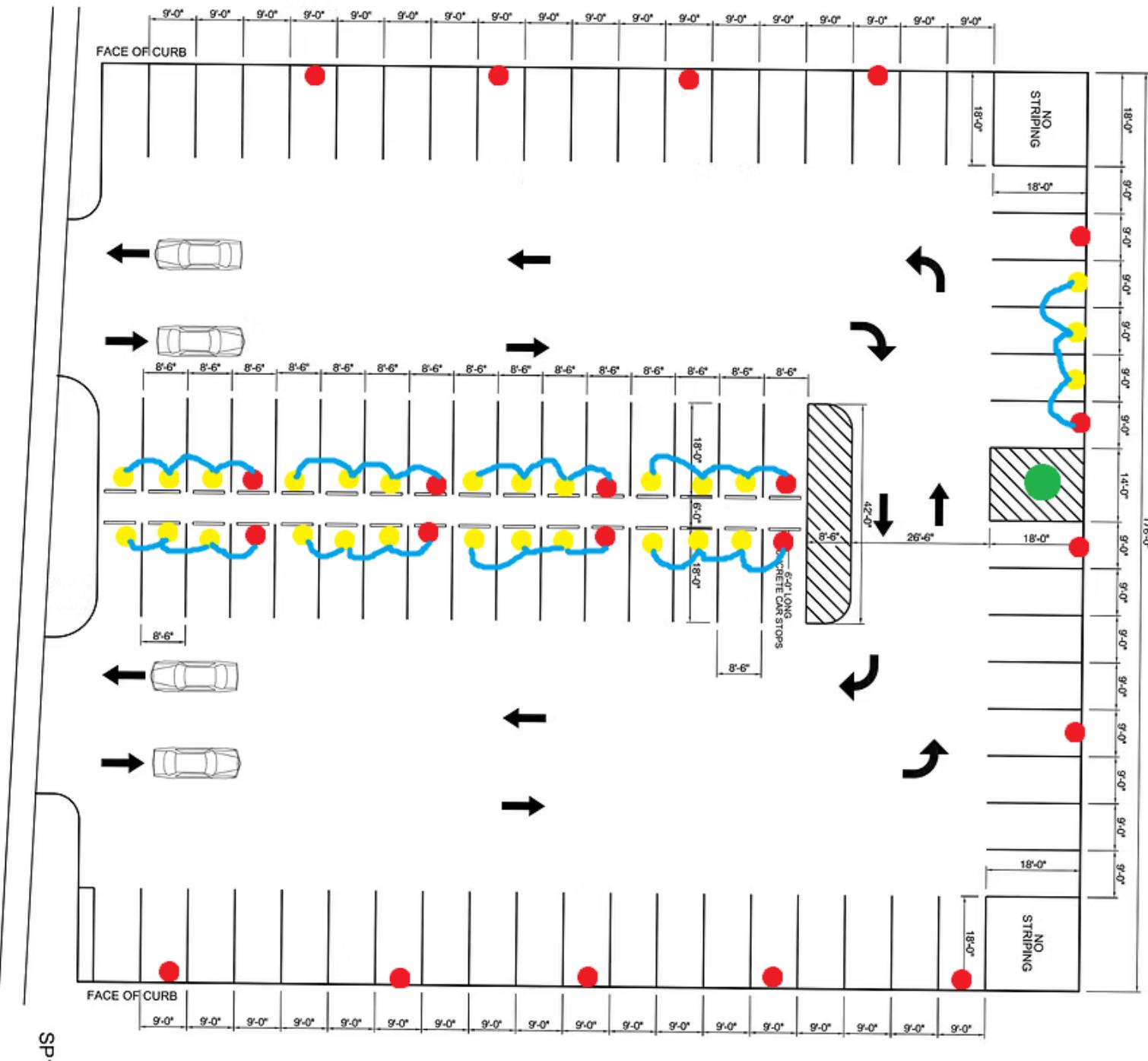
Proposed Change

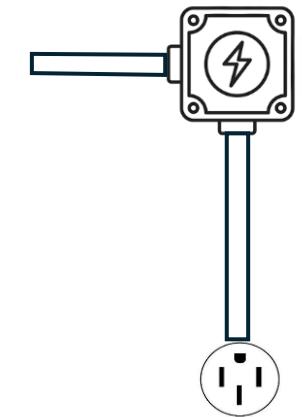
- ▶ Spread outlets throughout parking
- ▶ Every 4th parking space
- ▶ 208/240V 50A circuit to each outlet
- ▶ Circuits could be shared in future
- ▶ Provides all the common elements
- ▶ Unserved spots
 - ▶ Add wire and conduit from closest existing

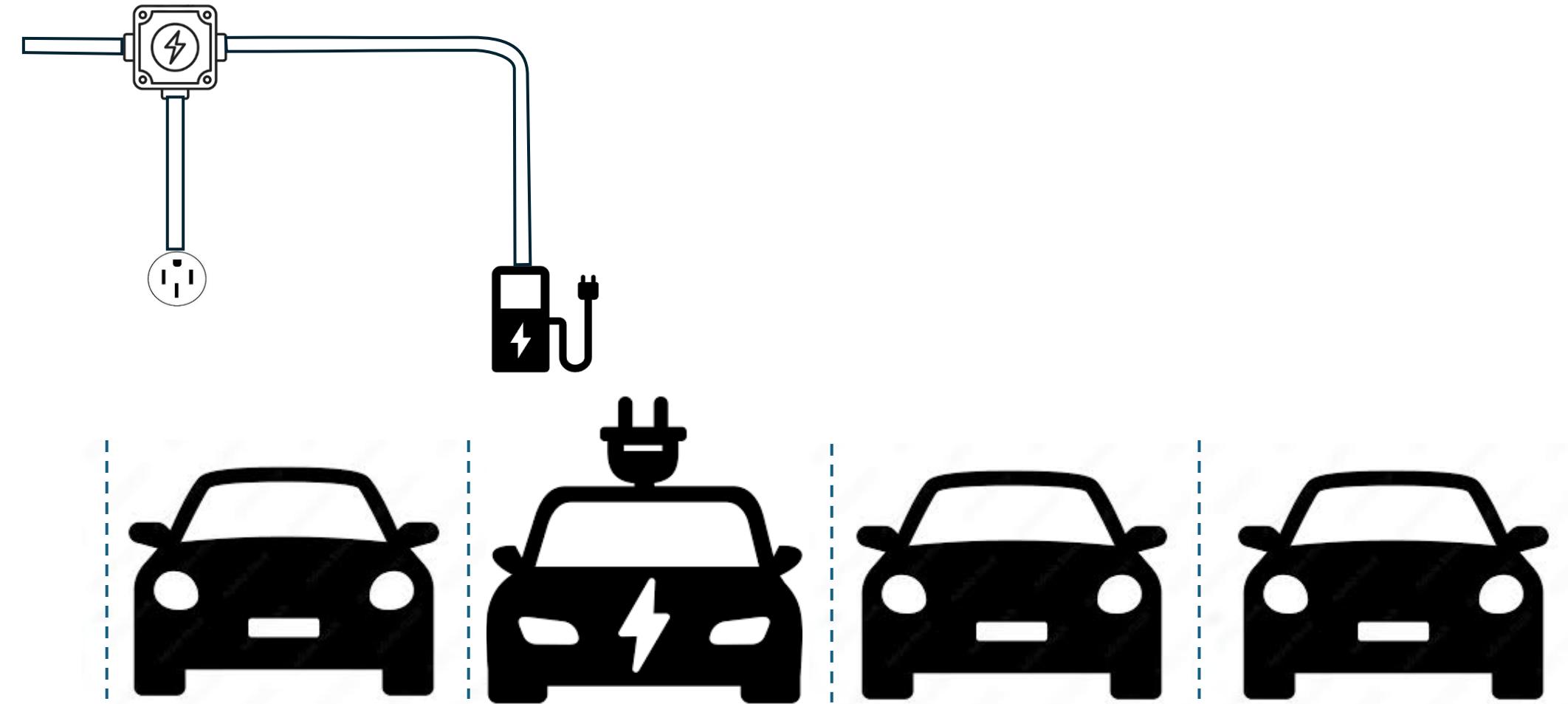


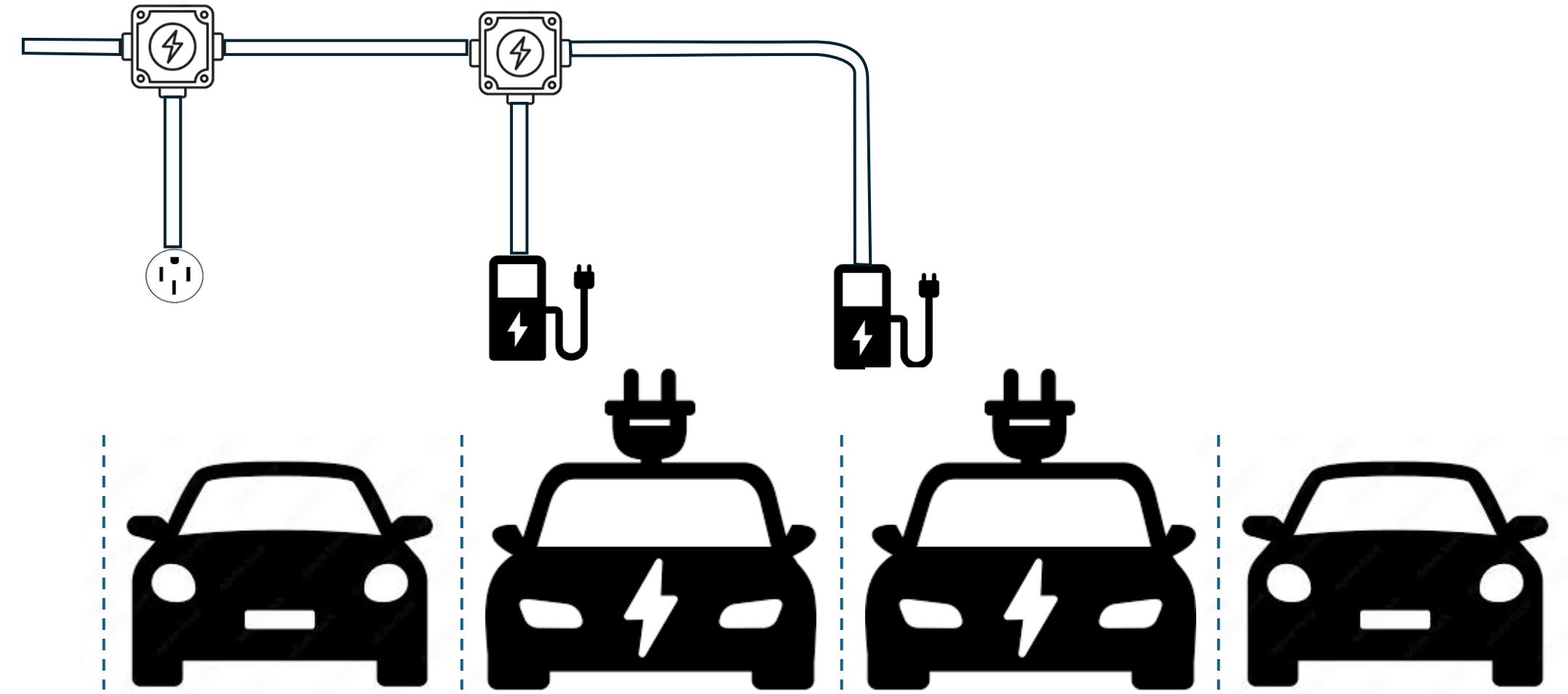
Adding Charging Stations

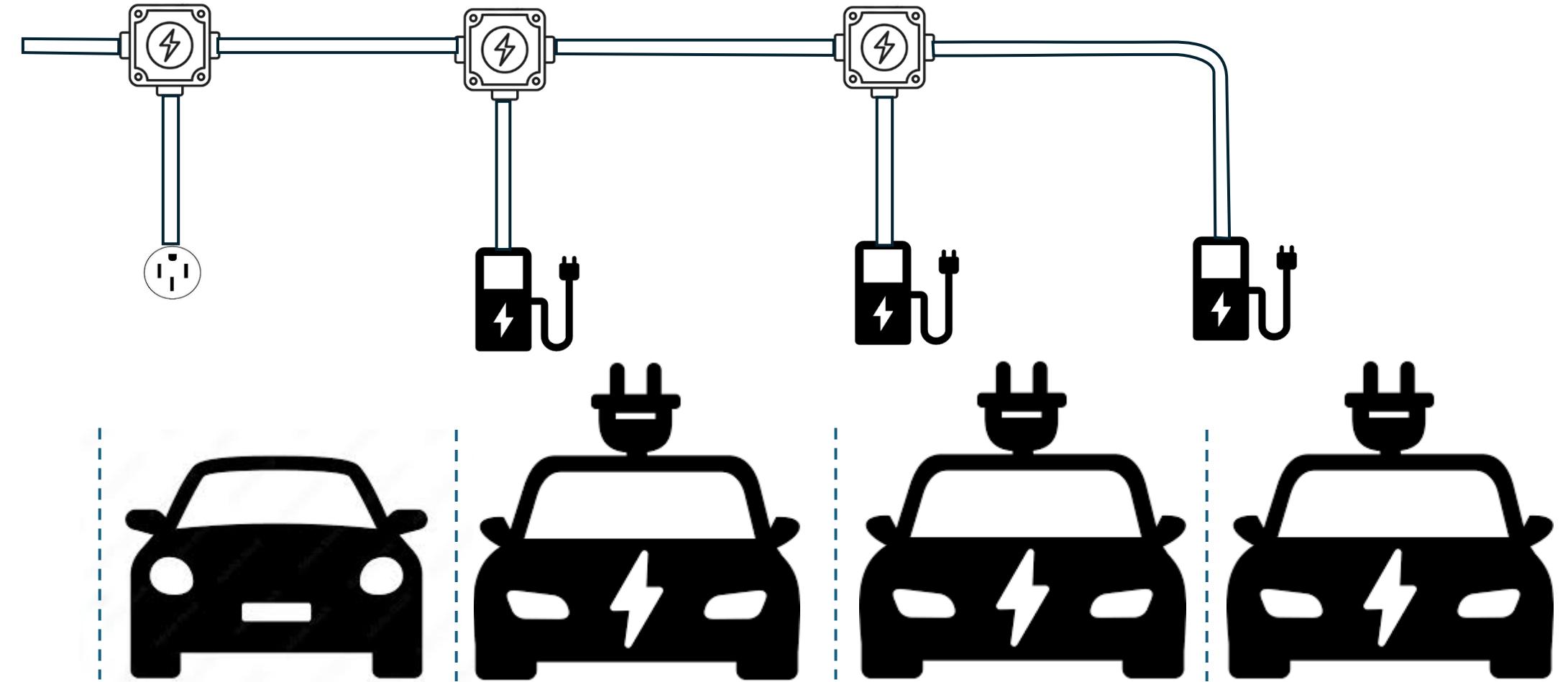
- Requires only “Last Mile”
 - Components that are not shared
 - Wire/conduit
 - Charging Station
 - Expectation that EV owner would pay
 - Low savings by pre-installing











EV Ready - Proposed Text

- ▶ “where parking spaces are provided accessory to a mid-rise or high-rise residential or mixed-use building, 25% of the spaces provided or an equivalent, ***distributed evenly throughout the parking facility***, must be designed as electric vehicle parking spaces capable of supporting level 2 charging ***in the form of a 208/240V 50A circuit to each plug;***” and
- ▶ Rationale
 - ▶ Provides all the common elements
 - ▶ Avoids installing 75% of Last Mile
 - ▶ Only Last Mile required to add charging stations
 - ▶ 50A requirement - avoid 16A circuits (Level 2 supports 16-80A)
 - ▶ 100% becomes moot point
- ▶ Action:

Carleton U - EV Education

- ▶ EV Education
- ▶ Videos on many topics that we cover
- ▶ Videos on charging on the road

The News

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Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa (EVCO)



Lawrence Maroun
Board Member, EVCO

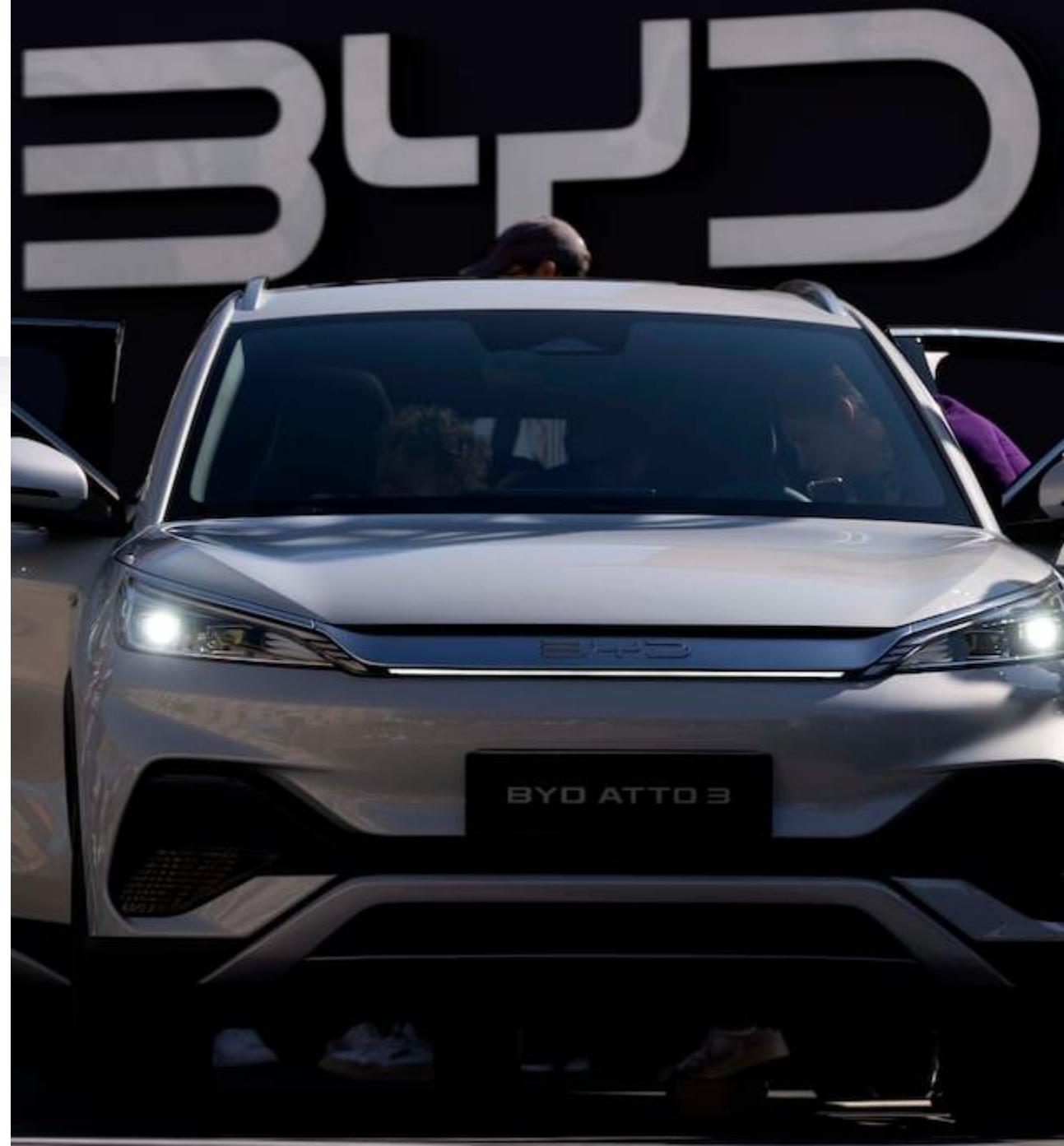
GM and Ford pull back on two well-known EVs

- The F-150 Lightning was cancelled last month, with Ford citing poor sales
- GM announced that the much-hyped 2027 bolt will be a limited production run
- The Bolt will be in production for about 18 months before its factory is repurposed to build a gas Buick
- Source: <https://insideevs.com/news/785214/2027-chevrolet-bolt-limited-run/>



Canada slashes tariffs on Chinese EVs

- Canada has cut tariffs on Chinese EVs from 100% to 6% but only for the first 49,000 units per year
- This will rise to 70,000 units within 5 years
- The government is working on securing local factories for these vehicles moving forward
- The tariff lift is effective immediately
- Tesla has stopped showing the configurator for Model 3, only allowing inventory purchases – signaling a shift to Chinese production coming soon. The presence of other brands is yet unknown.
- Sources: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/chinese-evs-canada-questions-answers-9.7048637>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-electric-car-china-tariffs-trump-united-states-9.7049950>



Tesla has discontinued Autopilot (Autosteer)

- Newly sold Model 3 and Model Y vehicles
 - on all trims – no longer include basic lane centering functionality
- Only adaptive cruise control is provided, the driver must steer manually
- Existing vehicles will retain autosteer
- Subscribing to FSD will be the only way to get lane centering
- This change aligns with Musk's pay package, which requires him to boost FSD subscriptions
- Source: <https://insideevs.com/news/785225/tesla-removes-autopilot-base-models/>

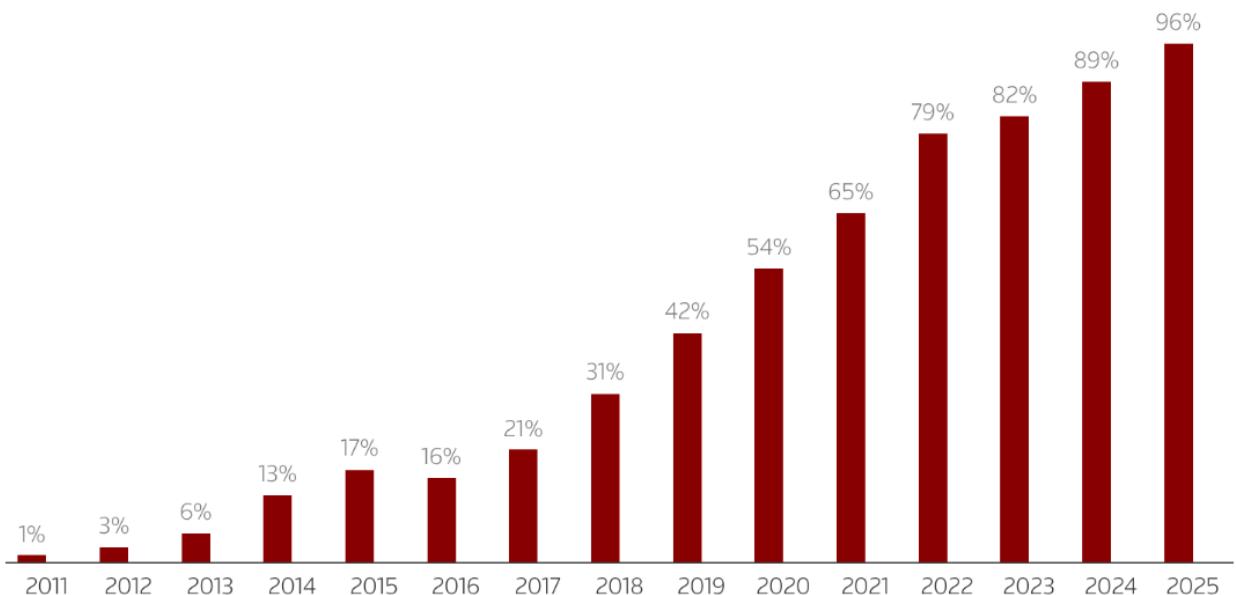


Norway reached 96% EV sales in 2025

- Almost all light-duty vehicle sales in Norway are now electric
- Despite backlash, Tesla remained the most popular brand in Norway in 2025 with 19% market share
- Norway will be phasing out tax exemptions on EVs but will continue to incentivize smaller and more affordable ones.
- Source: <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/norways-new-car-sales-were-96-electric-2025-2026-01-02/>

Norway's path towards selling only electric cars

Share of EVs in new car sales



China to ban retractable door handles as of 2027

- Citing safety risks, China is banning fully electronically actuated door handles
- Light duty vehicles will be required to have manual release handles both inside and outside
- These rules will take effect on Jan 1st 2027
- Source: <https://www.sixthtone.com/news/1018021>



U.S. Judge rules that Trump's suspension of NEVI was unlawful

- The \$5bn EV charging infrastructure program signed in 2021 was suspended by the Trump administration
- The suspension has been ruled unlawful
- A bill to redirect \$879mn of the funds has cleared the house and is going to the senate shortly
- It is unclear what will happen with the program

• <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/01/24/us-judge-trump-admin-unlawfully-suspended-ev-charger-program.html>



PHEVs continue to be overtaken by EVs in China

- In November 2024, China's electrified market was 57% BEV and 43% PHEV
- In November 2025, it was 73% BEV and 27% PHEV
- China is home to 19 million charging stalls and some can reach 1 MW, making PHEVs have little benefit
- Source: <https://insideevs.com/news/782978/range-extender-popularity-china-falling/>





BMW teases electric M3

- BMW release footage of its Neue Klasse M3 with lifelike engine sounds and simulated shifting
- Based on the capabilities of the iX3, its first Naue Klasse release, the new 3-series is expected to have world-class range and performance
- BMW recorded engine sounds in a highly advanced sound studio using its most renowned v8 and v10 cars
- Source:
<https://insideevs.com/news/785192/bmw-electric-m3-engine-sound/>

Past Events

Reaching outside the bubble!





EVCO Kilowatts & Coffee

Saturdays, 10am-noon

December dates and locations:

- Nov 29th – FILL THE FRUNK - Second Cup, 1715 Merivale Rd, Nepean
- Dec 6th – LUNA Crepes & Café 110-329 March Rd. Kanata
- Dec 13th – Second Cup, 1715 Merivale Rd, Nepean
- Dec 20th – Starbucks Place d'Orléans Food Court
- Dec 27th - LUNA Crepes & Café 110-329 March Rd. Kanata





EVCO Kilowatts & Coffee

Saturdays, 10am-noon

January dates and locations:

- Jan 3rd – Second Cup, 1715 Merivale Rd, Nepean
- Jan 10th – Starbucks Place d'Orléans Food Court
- Jan 17th – LUNA Crepes & Café 110-329 March Rd. Kanata
- Jan 24th – Second Cup, 1715 Merivale Rd, Nepean
- Jan 31st - Starbucks Place d'Orléans Food Court



Upcoming Events





A photograph of Blackburn Community Hall, a single-story brick building with a dark grey roof. The entrance is on the left, featuring a blue double door with a small sign above it. To the right of the entrance is a brown door with a window. A small sign in front of the building reads '190 Glen Park Dr'. The building is surrounded by a grassy area and some bare trees. In the background, a playground structure with blue and purple arches is visible.

Monthly Meeting

- Feb 23rd

- ▶ Will also have a Teams meeting for those who can't be there in person and to record
- ▶ **Blackburn Community Hall**
 - ▶ **190 Glen Park Dr, Gloucester**
 - ▶ Free parking
- ▶ No Refreshments



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EVCO Kilowatts & Coffee

Saturdays, 10am-noon

February dates and locations:

- Jan 31st – Starbucks Place d'Orléans Food Court
- Feb 7th – LUNA Crepes & Café 110-329 March Rd. Kanata
- Feb 14th – Second Cup, 1715 Merivale Rd, Nepean
- Feb 21st – Starbucks Place d'Orléans Food Court
- Feb 28th – LUNA Crepes & Café 110-329 March Rd. Kanata



CAFES EVENT

OTTAWA'S ELECTRIC FUTURE

LUNCH & LEARN PEAK GRID LOAD AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE

Complimentary Buffet Lunch



MICHAEL BARNARD
TFIE Strategy
How Batteries are Reshaping
the Energy System



DR. KRISTEN SCHELL
Carleton Engineering
Evolution of the
Ontario Grid and BESS



DEVA SHISH PAUL
BluWave-ai
Energy Demand
Management



ANGELA KELLER-HERZOG
CAFES Ottawa
Moderator

Thursday 29 January 2026 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bayview Yards: Ottawa's Innovation Centre
7 Bayview Station Road

11:00–12:00 Cleantech Mini-Exhibition
12:00–12:30 Networking Buffet Lunch
12:30–2:00 Energy Panel followed by Q&A

Hosted by:



CAFES Ottawa
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RSVP at Eventbrite:
https://bit.ly/CAFES_Lunch_and_Learn





CANADA TALKS ELECTRIC CARS

Webinar Series from EV Society

How AI Turns EVs into Grid Assets

Date & Time Feb 3, 2026 07:30 PM in [America/Toronto](#)

Description Using machine learning to balance renewable and non-renewable energy sources in real-time, reducing costs, carbon emissions, and improving reliability for utilities and operators.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE SOCIETY

Next Year

- Gatineau Auto Show – April 10-12
- Kemptville – April 26th (Sunday)
- CAFES Event – June
- Westport Auto Show – July
- Avalon Summer Festival – August
- Queenswood Heights Family Fun Day and Music Festival – August 22
- Pride – August 22-23
- A Taste of Wellington - September

Membership

- ▶ Please sign up
- ▶ Helps us with insurance and other expenses

Membership fees – New for 2024!

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<https://www.ctvnews.ca/ottawa/article/its-a-good-option-ottawa-drivers-open-to-chinese-made-evs/>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/ottawa/video/2026/01/25/ottawa-drivers-open-to-new-chinese-made-ev-option/>



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